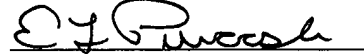


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on 5 October, 2004 for the above-captioned application, enclosed is the following:

- Response and Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

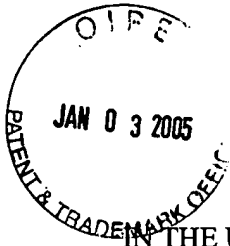
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification – none.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings – none.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.